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From: Richard Ellmyer [mailto:ellmyer@macsolve.com]
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To: Interested Parties
Subject: Three Down Three To Go. Another Marketplace Decision Withdraws Coal Terminal At Port Westward

Thirty million tons of Powder River Basin coal will NOT annually be polluting the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area nor anywhere else in the Pacific Northwest because another coal investor, Kidder Morgan, has withdrawn interest in building a coal terminal at Port Westward.* The marketplace speaks again.

I have long made the argument that **the marketplace would be the dominant controlling force in determining the fate of proposed coal exports through the Pacific Northwest**. Grey's Harbor, Coos Bay and now Port Westward have all withdrawn their business proposals to build coal terminals due to **investor choice** not elected officials, nor government, nor non-profit environmental organizations' law suits.

Another sight we will not see is the *job marauders* writing fantasy guest editorials, angry letters to the editor, hostile emails and belligerent online comments *decrying the audacity of coal investors for denying them jobs*. This gang was quite noisy when it came to assailing other citizens with a different point of view, many of whom would lose *their* jobs and *their* businesses due to coal exports. But these my-job-is-more-important-than-your-job *blue-collar snobs* disappear and crawl back under their rocks *without so much as a whisper of contempt for the coal investors* who actually have real economic power and decided NOT to invest in "their" coal jobs.

We also need to be wary of those few paid staff "leaders" of non-profit environmental organizations who were **afraid** to challenge legislators and the congressional delegations of Oregon and Washington to stand up against coal exports and yet will now try to bestow upon themselves undeserved acclaim for corporate marketplace motivated decisions.

The fight for the soul of the Pacific Northwest is NOT over. Put down the champagne. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is still in danger of becoming a coal chute. **Promoting the mining, sale, export and burning of taxpayer owned Powder River Basin coal remains an immoral and dangerous policy leading to irreversible and disastrous climate change.**

We urge governors Kitzhaber and Inslee to do everything in their power to "persuade" coal investors that shipping PRB coal through the cleanest and greenest part of America is a losing business proposition.

We urge president Barack Obama to do everything in his power to "persuade" coal investors that there is no future for coal in America and that the United States government will NOT aid and abet the mining, sale and export of coal for burning in any foreign county.

We urge coal investors to consider the *wise business decisions* made by their colleagues in Grey's Harbor, Coos Bay and Port Westward. **Coal is a bad investment.**

Richard Ellmyer

Certified *Oregon Change Agent* by governor John Kitzhaber
Chair, North Portland Coal Committee

<http://www.goodgrowthnw.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/northportlandcoalcommittee>

Climate Change Is Simple - David Roberts

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pznsPkJy2x8#!

Greenpeace, The Coal Conspiracy

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Tx5f5_vYJuzw

Eric de Place on Coal

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml_z0Bf78qE8&feature=youtu.be

Bonnie Meltzer on Coal

<http://earthfix.opb.org/multimedia/video/portland-activist-uses-her-art-to-protest-coal-exp/>

Northwest citizens express their NO Coal views. Click to start each video.

[Portland NO Coal Demonstration August 18, 2012](#)

[Columbia Riverkeepers NO Coal Northwest](#)

*http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/05/kinder_morgan_drops_plans_to_b.html#incart_river
<http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/151957-kinder-morgan-pulls-coal-project-out-of-port-westward->

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